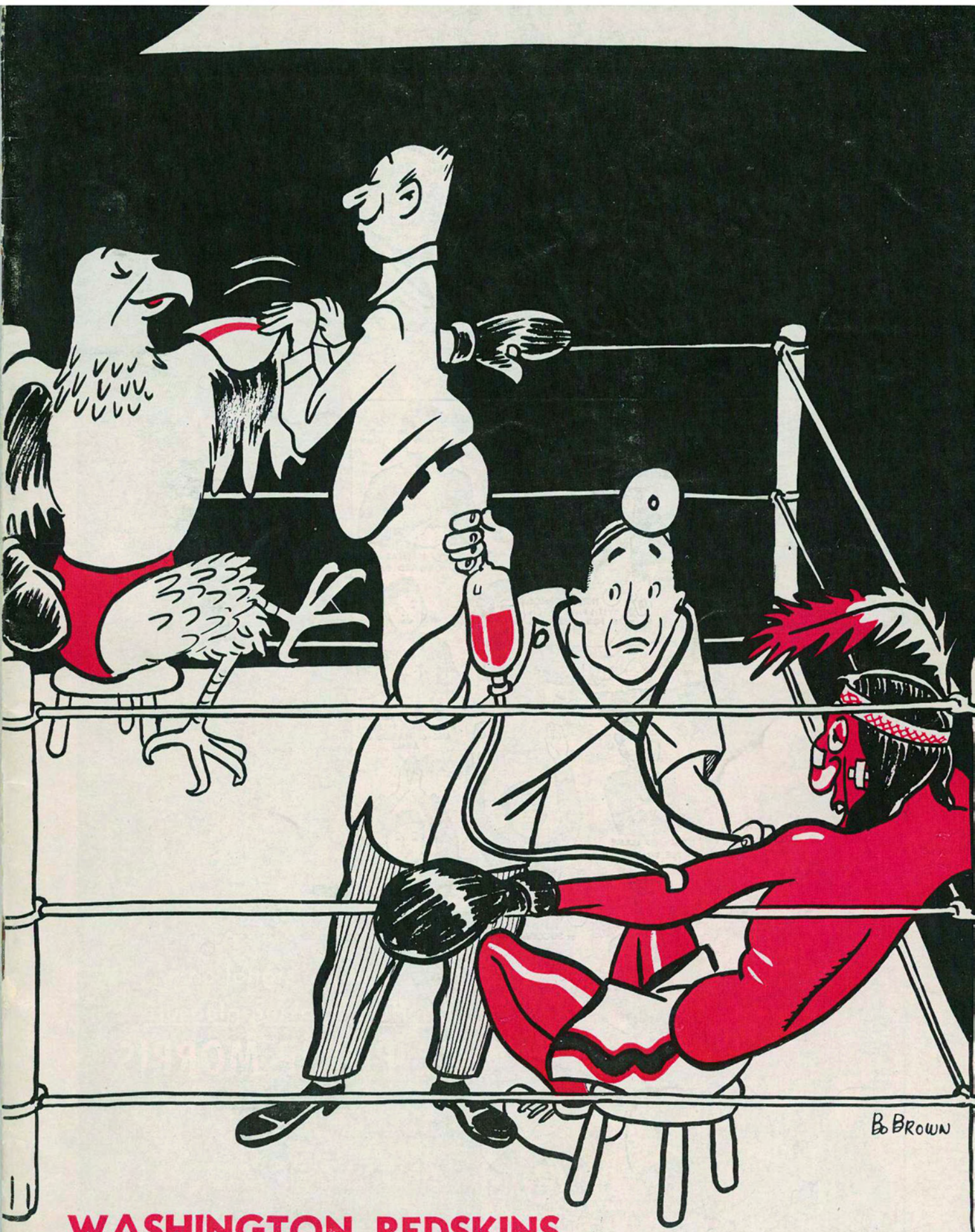

WASHINGTON REDSKINS
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

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SEPTEMBER 28, 1947

TODAY'S GAME

If there is any series of football battles that has been jam-packed with action and thrills, great rallies and superlative play, it is the traditionally important Eagles-Washington Redskins.

So it is mete and just that today, the opening of the National Football League's 28th season in Philadelphia, should find these two arch combatants swapping touchdowns on Municipal Stadium's hallowed greensward.

Today's curtain-raiser, so important to both teams since the Eastern Division this year expects an old-fashioned knock-down, drag-out fight for the championship, brings together two title favorites. The Eagles, potentially the strongest club in history, have titular ambitions while the Redskins have shared the Eastern crown with the New York Gants the last 10 years.

It is the first of the Eagles' seven-home game schedule, the longest and most attractive ever offered to our loyal Philadelphia followers. Before another football season bids adieu such formidable elevens as the New York Giants, Los Angeles Rams, Pittsburgh Steelers, Boston Yanks, Chicago Cardinals and Green Bay Packers in addition to the Redskins will have cavorted before the Quaker City fandom.

And all of the remaining six games will be decided on the Eagles' home gridiron, Shibe Park. Today's game was moved to the Stadium because of the overlapping of the baseball season. Thus next week's battle with the wily opportunists, the New York Giants, will be on the familiar terrain of Shibe Park.

Always associated with the Washington Redskins is the famed Redskin band which will cut capers in marching maneuvers and play heart-warming martial music for your enjoyment this afternoon. When the band plays its renowned "Hail to the Redskins" we'll guarantee it will do something to you. It is one of the most stirring marching songs ever penned and as familiar to professional football fans as the Alma Mater songs of ivy-draped colleges to their proud alumni.

No doubt many of you thrilled to the Redskin band in this same Stadium back in June. It was one of the feature attractions at the Philadelphia Inquirer's Music Festival and a show stopper.

The most colorful and spectacular musical organization in the sports world is 110 pieces strong and garbed in brilliant Indian costumes worth in excess of $16,000. Unlike other musical units its arrangements come in only two sizes: 90 seconds to be played during time outs and three minutes for half time and pre-game displays. However, it has more than 100 such arrangements, ranging from "Hold That Tiger" to "Poor Butterfly."

The band has its own librarian, wardrobe and equipment men. The director is Richard Viancour, a former military musician and the band was organized in 1937, the first year the Redskins' football team represented Washington.

But Washington also has a football team as you will see this afternoon and an excellent one at that. Coached by Turk Edwards, former Washington State star, the Skins, as usual, will cause plenty trouble before the Eastern title is decided.

Yes, the incomparable Sammy Baugh still is their chief. One of the great passers of the game and a clever quarterback, Sammy will lead the Skins' attack against the Eagles today and the Flock knows from past experience just what to expect.

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The Eagles have beaten the Skins only five times and tied them twice since 1937 but four of them have been accomplished by the present coaching regime of Greasy Neale, who took over the reins in 1941 following the club's purchase by its present owner, Alexis Thompson.

All of the 20 games played by the two since 1937 have been close and exciting but none can compare with last year's thriller in Washington. Those of you who were lucky enough to witness it, will remember how badly beaten our Eagles appeared to be at halftime.

They trailed, 24-0, at intermission and even the most rabid of our followers wouldn't have given an old sock for our chances. But back we came in that glorious final 30 minutes and on the pitching arm of Tommy Thompson and behind an inspired line, we won out, 28-24, in as an amazing a finish as ever pulled on a thrill-spent crowd.

And never will we forget that murderous, game-clinching block that Fullback Ben Kish threw on a Washington end just as he was about to spill Thompson in the last minute. With the road clear, Tommy passed for the winning touchdown.

It's games like that that make professional football what it is today and whenever the Eagles and Washington get together you're assured of top-flight entertainment. Today's game should be no exception what with Baugh and his able understudy, Jim Youel, matching their wits and passing arms against the Eagles' Thompson, Bill Mackrides and Al Sherman.

Making their bow today before Philadelphia fandom will be a very competent group of Eagles' rookies. Among them are two fellows who give the club the best end crop in the league. They are Pete Pihos, our nominee as the rookie of the year, and Neil Armstrong.

This Pihos is an amazing chap and we know you'll like his play, his aggressiveness, spirit and spectacular catches. An All-American at Indiana, Pete is rugged (he weighs 210).

He also can play fullback on defense because next to catching passes, Pete enjoys backing up a line. Also, he has been tried under the center. All of which probably makes him the only utility man in professional football.

Armstrong led the country in pass receiving in 1943 and 1946 while leading the Oklahoma Aggies to winning and sometimes championship seasons. Fleet and supple, blessed with a superb build, Armstrong has lived up to his press notices and then some. We predict a great year for Neil.

And sharing the spotlight with this pair of ends will be the capable Larry Cabrelli, Jack Ferrante and the glue-fingered Dick Humbert, a great competitor. (*Continued on Page* 35)

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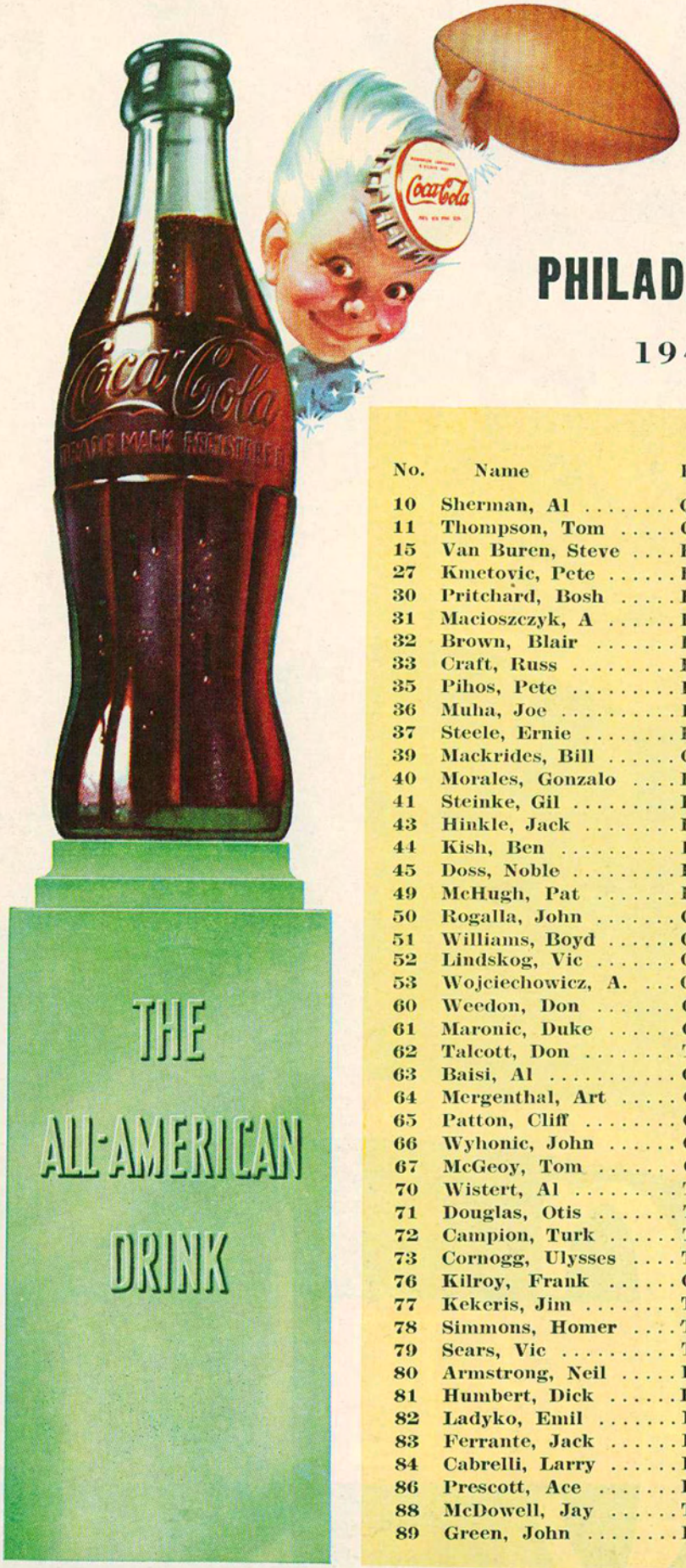

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1947 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Wt.	Ht.	College	Yr. in N.F.L.
10	Sherman, Al	QB	24	175	5.10½	Brooklyn	5
11	Thompson, Tom	QB	31	197	6.01	Tulsa	6
15	Van Buren, Steve	HB	26	205	6.01	L.S.U.	4
27	Kmetovic, Pete	HB	27	168	5.09	Stanford	2
30	Pritchard, Bosh	HB	28	165	5.11	V.M.I.	3
31	Macioszczyk, A	FB	26	215	5.10	W. Michigan	2
32	Brown, Blair	FB	25	216	6.01½	Okla. A. & M.	1
33	Craft, Russ	HB	26	175	5.09	Alabama	2
35	Pihos, Pete	E	23	220	6.02	Indiana	1
36	Muha, Joe	FB	26	205	6.01	V.M.I.	2
37	Steele, Ernie	HB	29	180	6.00	U. of Washington	6
39	Mackrides, Bill	QB	22	187	5.11	U. of Nevada	1
40	Morales, Gonzalo	HB	25	182	6.00	St. Mary's (Cal.)	1
41	Steinke, Gil	HB	28	172	6.00	Texas A. & I.	3
43	Hinkle, Jack	HB	29	188	6.00	Syracuse	7
44	Kish, Ben	FB	30	212	6.01	Pittsburgh	7
45	Doss, Noble	HB	27	180	6.00	Texas U.	1
49	McHugh, Pat	HB	27	165	5.11½	Georgia Tech	1
50	Rogalla, John	G	28	220	5.11	Scranton U.	3
51	Williams, Boyd	C	25	207	6.02	Syracuse	1
52	Lindskog, Vic	C	30	204	6.01½	Stanford	4
53	Wojciechowicz, A.	C	32	235	6.00	Fordham	9
60	Weedon, Don	G	26	215	5.11	Texas U.	1
61	Maronic, Duke	G	26	212	5.09	None	4
62	Talcott, Don	T	26	248	6.02	U. of Nevada	1
63	Baisi, Al	G	29	225	6.00	W. Virginia U.	4
64	Mergenthal, Art	G	26	212	5.11	Notre Dame	3
65	Patton, Cliff	G	23	255	6.02	T.C.U.	2
66	Wyhonic, John	G	27	218	6.00	Alabama	2
67	McGeoy, Tom	G	24	205	6.00	Temple	1
70	Wistert, Al	T	26	216	6.02	Michigan	5
71	Douglas, Otis	T	36	224	6.00	Wm. and Mary	2
72	Campion, Turk	T	26	228	6.02	S.East. Louisiana	1
73	Cornogg, Ulysses	T	23	238	6.00	North Carolina U.	1
76	Kilroy, Frank	G	26	245	6.02	Temple	5
77	Kekeris, Jim	T	23	275	6.01	Missouri	1
78	Simmons, Homer	T	26	270	6.04	Okla. U.	1
79	Sears, Vic	T	29	236	6.03½	Oregon State	7
80	Armstrong, Neil	E	21	190	6.02½	Okla. A. & M.	1
81	Humbert, Dick	E	28	175	6.02	Richmond U.	4
82	Ladyko, Emil	E	24	205	6.02	Columbia	1
83	Ferrante, Jack	E	30	200	6.01	None	5
84	Cabrelli, Larry	E	30	195	5.09½	Colgate	7
86	Prescott, Ace	E	25	195	6.01½	Hardin-Simmons	2
88	McDowell, Jay	T	27	220	6.02	U. of Washington	2
89	Green, John	E	25	190	6.01	Tulsa	1

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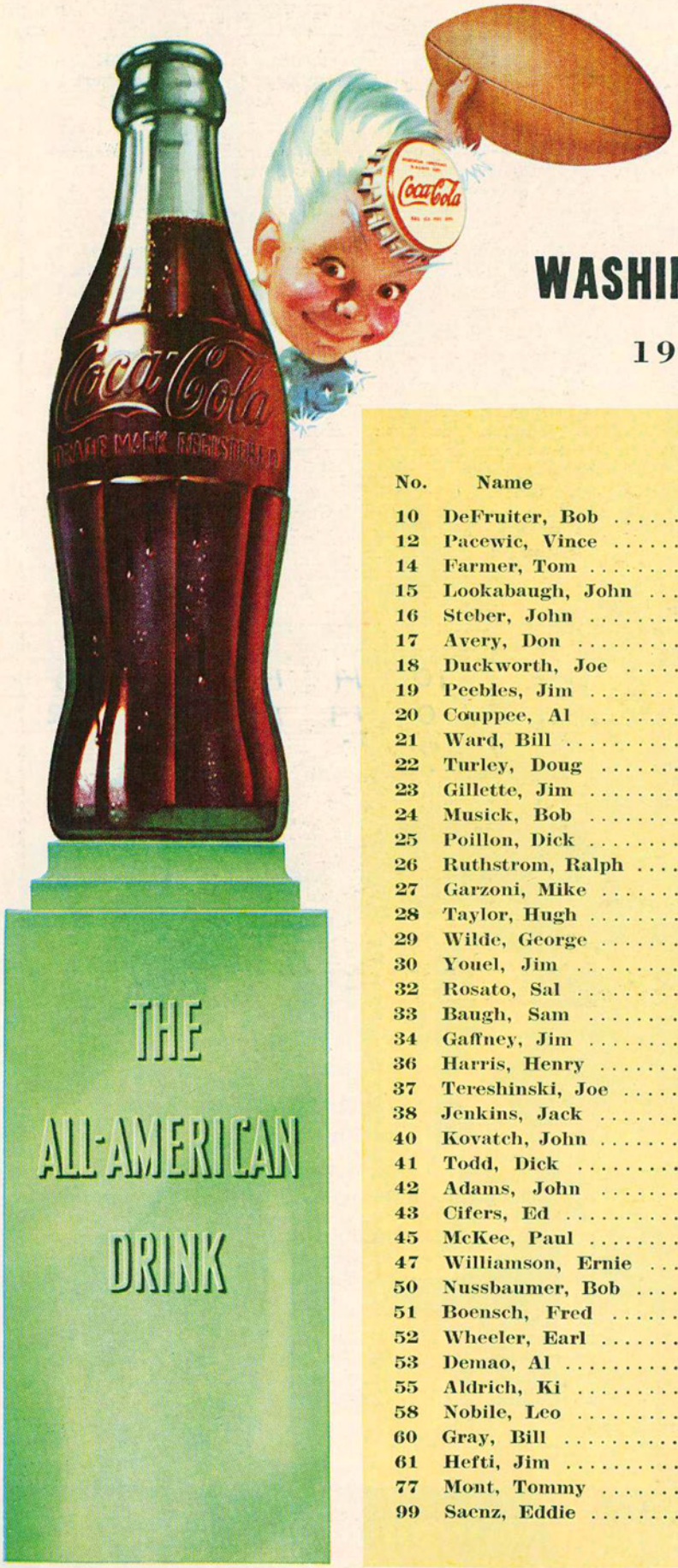

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No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	School	Yrs. in N.F.L.
10	DeFruiter, Bob	B	191	6.00	Nebraska	3
12	Pacewic, Vince	B	205	6.01	San Francisco	1
14	Farmer, Tom	B	193	5.11	Iowa	2
15	Lookabaugh, John	E	219	6.04	Maryland	2
16	Steber, John	G	239	6.00	Georgia Tech	2
17	Avery, Don	T	261	6.04	Southern Calif.	2
18	Duckworth, Joe	E	219	6.02	Colgate	1
19	Peebles, Jim	E	223	6.04	Vanderbilt	2
20	Couppee, Al	B	232	6.00	Iowa	2
21	Ward, Bill	G	235	6.00	Washington State	1
22	Turley, Doug	E	222	6.03	Scranton	4
23	Gillette, Jim	B	186	6.01	Virginia	4
24	Musick, Bob	B	196	6.01	Southern Calif.	1
25	Poillon, Dick	B	187	6.00	Canisius	3
26	Ruthstrom, Ralph	B	226	6.04	South. Methodist	3
27	Garzoni, Mike	G	224	5.11	Southern Calif.	1
28	Taylor, Hugh	E	198	6.04	Oklahoma City U.	1
29	Wilde, George	B	192	6.01½	Texas A. & M.	1
30	Youel, Jim	B	177	6.00	Iowa	2
32	Rosato, Sal	B	236	6.01	Villanova	3
33	Baugh, Sam	B	181	6.02	Texas Christian	11
34	Gaffney, Jim	B	203	6.01	Tennessee	3
36	Harris, Henry	T	271	6.00	Texas	1
37	Tereshinski, Joe	E	199	6.02	Georgia	1
38	Jenkins, Jack	B	204	6.01	Vanderbilt	3
40	Kovatch, John	E	201	6.03	Notre Dame	3
41	Todd, Dick	B	173	5.11	Texas A. & M.	6
42	Adams, John	T	260	6.07	Notre Dame	3
43	Cifers, Ed	T	240	6.02	Tennessee	4
45	McKee, Paul	E	219	6.03	Syracuse	1
47	Williamson, Ernie	T	251	6.04	North Carolina	1
50	Nussbaumer, Bob	B	174	5.11	Michigan	2
51	Boensch, Fred	T	227	6.04	Stanford	1
52	Wheeler, Earl	C	219	6.03	Arkansas	1
53	Demao, Al	C	220	6.02	Duquesne	3
55	Aldrich, Ki	C	210	6.00	Texas Christian	6
58	Nobile, Leo	G	212	5.10	Penn State	1
60	Gray, Bill	G	207	5.11	Oregon State	1
61	Hefti, Jim	B	210	6.01	St. Lawrence	1
77	Mont, Tommy	B	190	6.00	Maryland	1
99	Saenz, Eddie	B	170	5.11	South. California	2

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